

HEARING SCREENING (SCHOOLS) RULEMAKING

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The current rules implementing A.R.S. §§ 36-899.01 and 36-899.02 for the hearing screening of students are located in Title 9, Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Arizona Administrative Code. These rules specify:

- Which students are required to be screened for a hearing loss,
- How a hearing screening is conducted,
- Criteria for passing a hearing screening,
- Referral, notification, and follow-up requirements,
- The qualifications of individuals performing hearing screening for students,
- The standards for equipment used for hearing screening, and
- Requirements for recordkeeping and reporting of hearing screening results.

The Department is continuing to draft revisions to these rules to update, clarify, and simplify the requirements. After completing a draft of the revised rules, the Department will post the draft hearing screening rules on the Department's web page for informal public comment. Interested persons will have an opportunity to review the draft on the web page and to contact the Department with any comments or questions regarding the draft.

Stakeholders can communicate their issues, comments, or concerns to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1230, or by fax at 602-364-1150.